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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - ATTACKS IN INDIA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Friday morning papers led with the attacks in Mumbai, India, on Wednesday.

¶2. "Fear in Emerging Nation" The liberal Asahi wrote in an editorial (11/28): "...The situation in India, which has suffered a series of terrorist attacks, is becoming more complicated. It is clear, though, that sectarian conflict between the majority Hindus and minority Muslims lies behind the problem.... Although the nation has developed into a rapidly emerging economy, Muslims have been left behind by the boom, and the gap between them and the Hindus is widening.... India should squarely face this problem, which could create a breeding ground for extremism."

¶3. "U.S. Should Review Approach" The liberal Mainichi editorialized (11/28): "...This is a terrible act of terrorism that must not be repeated.... It is serious that Pakistan is suspected of involvement in a series of terrorist attacks in India.... We urge both India and Pakistan to act calmly.... The U.S. policy toward India is problematic.... Washington's relations with Pakistan have cooled since it began to place more diplomatic importance on India by altering its 'equal diplomacy' toward the two nations. This U.S. policy appears likely to have a negative impact on the situation in Afghanistan. In order to stabilize India, the U.S. should negotiate in good faith with the nations concerned about how to fight terrorism."

¶4. "International Community Should Unite to Eradicate Terrorism" The conservative Sankei's editorial said (11/28): "...No act of terrorism can be accepted. This is a serious attack against all humanity. The international community should unite again to

regenerate the fight against terrorism using every means.... There have been a great number of terrorist attacks in India. Many of them are attributable to conflicts between Hindus and Muslims or friction between India and Pakistan. Those two nations need to make efforts to eliminate the causes of their poor relations."

15. "Coordination between India and Pakistan Necessary"  
The liberal Tokyo Shimbun editorialized (11/28):

"...India can no longer blame Pakistan for all the terrorist attacks that take place in the country, as the governments of India and Pakistan exchanged information in October at special antiterrorism talks. They should coordinate further to crack down on terrorist networks."

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